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Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Burundi

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 2002/1 of 15 July 2002, 2003/16 of 21 July 2003, 2003/50 of 24 July 2003, 2004/2 of 3 May 2004 and 2004/59 and 2004/60 of 23 July 2004, and its decision 2003/311 of 22 August 2003,

Having taken note of the oral report by the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Burundi,

Recognizing the importance of maintaining the momentum in consolidating the peace process in Burundi,

1. *Commends* those donors that have provided support to Burundi, and calls for rapid disbursement of funds committed at the Forum of Development Partners, held in Brussels on 13 and 14 January 2004;

2. *Requests* the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Burundi to continue to follow closely the humanitarian situation and economic and social conditions, to examine the transition from relief to development in Burundi and the way in which the international community supports the process and to report, as appropriate, to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session in 2005;

3. *Decides* to consider the reports of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Burundi during its substantive session in 2005, requests that the report of the Group to that session describe, inter alia, how the Group has fulfilled its mandate, and decides also to hold a discussion on the work of the Group and on how it has fulfilled its mandate;

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4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, the United Nations Development Group, the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Assistance as well as relevant United Nations funds and programmes and the specialized agencies to continue to assist the Ad Hoc Advisory Group in accomplishing its mandate, and invites the Bretton Woods institutions to continue to cooperate to that end.

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Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 2002/1 of 15 July 2002, 2003/1 of 31 January 2003, 2003/53 of 24 July 2003, 2004/1 of 3 May 2004 and 2004/59 and 2004/61 of 24 July 2004, and its decision 2002/304 of 25 October 2002,

Recognizing the link between political stability and economic and social development in Guinea-Bissau as well as the persistent fragility of its democratic institutions,

Welcoming the positive and constructive role of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau in supporting the country to address its pressing short and longer-term development objectives,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau;[1]

2. *Welcomes* the contributions of the Economic Community of West African States, the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries and other partners to improving the situation in Guinea-Bissau;

3. *Welcomes also* the recommendation by the Security Council in its resolution 1580 (2004) of 22 December 2004 to establish a voluntary emergency fund, to be administered by the United Nations Development Programme, to support efforts related to the planning and implementation of military reform;

4. *Welcomes further* the commitment of the Government of Guinea-Bissau to hold Presidential elections in accordance with the timetable in the Transition Charter, and in this regard invites the international community to provide financial and technical support to Guinea-Bissau in the holding of these elections;

[1] E/2005/8.

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5. *Expresses appreciation* to those organizations and countries that have provided assistance to Guinea-Bissau in controlling a locust invasion, which is undermining an already fragile economy, and appeals to the international community to provide additional assistance;

6. *Invites* the donor community to consider providing budgetary support to meet emergency needs, including the payment of salaries, in particular by providing additional contributions through the Emergency Economic Management Fund;

7. *Recognizes* that the key challenges for the Government of Guinea-Bissau will be to restore fiscal discipline, rebuild public administration and improve the climate for private investment and economic diversification and that meeting these challenges will require a combination of peace, firm commitment to sound policies by the authorities, improved governance and transparency and the technical and financial support of the international community;

8. *Welcomes* the progress in economic and financial management and accountability as recognized by the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank at the meeting of Guinea-Bissau's partners to prepare for the round-table conference, held in Lisbon on 11 February 2005;

9. *Welcomes also* the discussion at the International Monetary Fund on 19 November 2004 of the next steps in the Fund's engagement with Guinea-Bissau, which covered, inter alia, Emergency Post-Conflict Assistance, a Poverty Reduction and Growth Facility and a staff-monitored programme;

10. *Welcomes further* the holding of the meeting of Guinea-Bissau's partners to prepare for the round-table conference, and stresses the importance of strong participation in the donor round-table conference scheduled for October 2005;

11. *Encourages* the Government of Guinea-Bissau to give full consideration to the report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group;

12. *Reaffirms* the need to create an enabling environment in Guinea-Bissau to promote economic and social development in the country, and in this regard renews its invitation to the Government of Guinea-Bissau, the organizations of the United Nations system, the Bretton Woods institutions, the donor community and the international community as a whole to give full consideration to the recommendations formulated by the Ad Hoc Advisory Group in its first report[2] and to take specific steps to give effect to the partnership approach set out therein, with a view to implementing a long-term programme of support;

13. *Decides* to extend the mandate of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau until the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council in 2005, and requests that in its report to the Council at this session, the Group describe how it has fulfilled its mandate and, if necessary, include a discussion of the tasks remaining to be accomplished as well as an estimated timetable for the completion of these tasks, in the light of the prevailing situation, as well as a discussion of the implementation of its recommendations;

14. *Decides* to consider the reports of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau during its substantive session of 2005.

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Draft decision submitted by the Vice-President of the Council, Mr. Agim Nesho (Albania), on the basis of informal consultations

Improvement of the work of the Commission on Population and Development

The Economic and Social Council, in order to improve the work of the Commission on Population and Development, decides:

(a) That, with effect as of the thirty-eighth regular session of the Commission on Population and Development, which is to be held from 4 to 8 April 2005, immediately following the closure of each regular session, the Commission shall hold the first meeting of its subsequent regular session for the sole purpose of electing a new Chairman and other members of the Bureau in accordance with rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council;

(b) That, without prejudice to the application of rule 10 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council to other functional commissions, the four-year term of office of members of the Commission on Population and Development shall commence at the first meeting of the regular session of the Commission following the election of the States concerned to membership of the Commission and shall expire at the closure of the regular session in the fourth year following their election;

(c) To extend to the conclusion of the thirty-ninth regular session of the Commission on Population and Development the terms of office of members of the Commission that were to expire on 31 December 2005; to extend to the conclusion of the fortieth regular session of the Commission the terms of office of members of the Commission that were to expire on 31 December 2006; to extend to the conclusion of the forty-first regular session of the Commission the terms of office of members of the Commission that were to expire on 31 December 2007; and to extend to the conclusion of the forty-second regular session of the Commission the terms of office of members of the Commission that were to expire on 31 December 2008;

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(d) That the pertinent provisions of General Assembly resolution 17
(XVII) of 11 December 1962 will apply only to the substantive part of the session
the Commission.

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Jamaica:* draft resolution

Public administration and development

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 2001/45 of 20 December 2001, 2002/40 of 19 December 2002 and 2003/60 of 25 July 2003,

Reaffirming the role of the public service in the attainment of national goals for social and economic development, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration;[1]

Recognizing the centrality of public administration with respect to planning and provision of public services as well as in the creation of an enabling environment to promote sustainable development;

1. *Takes note* of the Report of the Committee of Experts of Public Administration on its third session;[2]

2. *Reiterates* that efficient, accountable, effective and transparent public administration, at both the national and international levels, has a key role to play in the implementation of the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration, and in that context stresses the need to strengthen national public sector administrative and managerial capacity-building, in particular in developing countries and countries with economies in transition;

3. *Encourages* the international community, in this regard, to increase financial, material and technical support to developing countries, with a view to assisting their efforts to strengthen their public administration and managerial capacities, and calls upon the United Nations system to provide further substantive

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] General Assembly resolution 55/2.

[2] *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2004, Supplement No. 44* (E/2004/44).

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technical and advisory support to developing countries, at their request, aimed at strengthening their public service delivery;

4. *Welcomes* the initiative of the African countries to strengthen their institutional capacities and their public service through appropriate mechanisms or institutions, in particular the New Partnership for Africa's Development;

5. *Also welcomes* the recommendations of the Committee of Experts of Public Administration concerning the commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the resumed fiftieth session of the General Assembly on public administration and development;

6. *Encourages* Member States to consider, as appropriate, the recommendations made by the Committee of Experts of Public Administration;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to focus the work of the Organization on public administration according to the recommendations contained in its decision 2004/302 of 23 July 2004, General Assembly resolution 58/231 of 23 December 2003 and the report of the Committee of Experts of Public Administration, in particular those aimed at: strengthening the human capital in the public sector; facilitating access to information and best practices; and strengthening public administration institutions in developing countries, in particular the least developed countries;

8. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue his consultations with Member States on a regular basis, keeping in mind its resolution 2001/45 and its annex, to review and propose a mechanism to the substantive session of the Council of 2006 and to enhance the process of the appointment of members of the Committee;

9. *Encourages* the United Nations system and Member States to celebrate United Nations Public Service Day in a more visible manner and to nominate candidates for the United Nations Public Service Awards.